

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)

COMMISSION PANEL: GEORGE KEELE AND JIM KOSINSKI

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
Donna Bath, County Clerk,
White Pine County

Request for Opinion
No. 05-63

On September 8, 2006, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all other documents related to this matter. The Panel requested the Commission staff to obtain additional relevant information. The panel reconvened on October 19, 2006 and reviewed the Executive Director's Supplemental Report and Recommendation and supporting documentation. The Panel determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegation that Ms. Bath violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(1) and 281.481 (2). The Panel then dismissed the complaint. Specifically, the panel found no evidence of any act in violation of the Ethics in Government Law by Ms. Bath in response to the allegations that she sought or accepted any type of benefit which would tend to influence a reasonable person in her position to depart from the faithful and impartial discharge of her public duties, nor did she provide unwarranted assistance to George Chachas, in relation to challenges he made to the November 2002 general and the April 2005 primary mayoral elections for the City of Ely.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, DISMISSED.

DATED: November 13, 2006

Pat Hearn

L. Patrick Hearn
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in an envelope and caused it to be sent via certified mail, addressed as follows:

Donna Bath, County Clerk
White Pine County
801 Clark St, Suite 4
Ely, NV 89301

Dated: November 13, 2006

Emily Nunez

Emily H. Nunez, Office Manager